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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2664**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shekhar AMBE et al.

Art Unit: 2664

Application No.: 09/955,985

Examiner: Chirag G. Shah

Filed: September 20, 2001

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENABLING L3 SWITCHING BY A  
NETWORK SWITCH IN A STACKING ENVIRONMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 2, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.**

**Remarks are submitted on page 6.**